



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** small businesses contribute over \$10 million to Louisiana's economy, with 56 percent owned by African Americans; 23 percent owned by women, and 15 percent owned by Hispanic Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** small business owners and their employees add to the vitality of our economy. They comprise 98 percent of all businesses in Louisiana, and they employ 54 percent of Louisiana's non-farm private sector workers; and
- WHEREAS,** small businesses create more than 50 percent of non-farm private gross domestic product and create 65 percent or more net new jobs; and
- WHEREAS,** small businesses are at the heart of our economy's growth, creating most new private-sector jobs in our economy and helping our citizens succeed; and
- WHEREAS,** during Small Business Week, we honor small business owners and workers, and we reaffirm our commitment to keeping Louisiana one of the best places to do business; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim April 9-15, 2006, as**

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

[Signature]
Secretary of State

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 9th day of April
A. D., 2006

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana